

Department of Defense schools here at home and around the world. While no student lacks his or her share of difficulties, being the child of active-duty personnel comes with its own unique uncertainties regarding seemingly simple matters like where one's family lives year to year and how often mom or dad is away from home. I am aware that military service comes with particular hardships, and the children of military personnel often experience a measure of those difficulties. In the extreme, children may have to deal with the death of a parent in a far-away country; or, less troubling but difficult nonetheless, moving from base to base as one or both parents are reassigned.

Especially distinctive are the schools that serve students on military bases overseas. These students grow up in a foreign environment far from home and in a country where they may not speak the native language. The Department of Defense schools there provide a sense of home for these children and a network of adults to look after their educational needs.

Schools that serve children of military families have a special mission, then, to pay careful attention to the effects of world affairs and military deployments on their students. The teachers and faculty at these schools provide an outstanding service, affording students a safe and reassuring environment.

Military impacted schools provide superior counseling services to children, staff, and families of military personnel. From the death of a parent to a reassignment to a new community, school counselors serve as linchpins for students struggling through new and trying circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in commending the efforts of military impacted schools to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to learn and mature. These teachers, administrators, and other support staff play a pivotal role in supporting the brave men and women of our Armed Forces.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this bill.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL ANTHONY P. ROBERTS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a brave young marine who died Tuesday, April 6, 2004, due to hostile fire in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. United States Marine Lance Corporal Anthony P. Roberts was a proud marine who gave his life, along with a dozen of his fellow soldiers, helping the Second Battalion of the Fourth Marine Regiment secure the Iraqi city of Ramadi.

At only 18 years of age, Anthony was an inspirational young Delawarean who graduated from Middletown High School in June of 2003, where he had been a cadet first lieutenant in the Air Force Junior ROTC program. Only a short time after successfully completing boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, Anthony dutifully accepted service in Iraq, where he was an honorable defender of liberty at the epicenter of the war on terror.

A few weeks ago, I had the honor of attending Anthony's funeral, where I learned that

during his short life, Anthony was a patriotic American who enjoyed music and spending time with friends and family. Like his father, a military veteran who died several years ago, Anthony made the choice to serve his country. In making this choice, Anthony bravely defended the rights and lives of others. The youngest of three children, Anthony will be deeply missed by his mother and two sisters, his friends, teachers, and fellow soldiers.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere privilege to honor the life of a proud marine and heroic representative of the state of Delaware. Lance Corporal Anthony Roberts deserves our gratitude and respect.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during rollcall votes 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, and 152. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of those rollcall votes.

REGARDING COSPONSORSHIP OF H.R. 4061

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in regards to H.R. 4061, the Assistance for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Act of 2004, which passed the House International Relations Committee by unanimous consent on March 31.

Last week the International Relations Committee filed House Report 108-479.

Because House rules prohibit the addition of additional cosponsors to a bill once the committee report has been filed, I am not able to formally add six Members of Congress as cosponsors of this legislation.

I ask that the record show that Mr. OLVER of Massachusetts, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GILLMOR of Ohio, Ms. HART of Pennsylvania, Mr. HOLT of New Jersey, and Mr. CROWLEY of New York are in support of my bill and should be considered by this body as cosponsors of H.R. 4061.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES E. SHERRARD III

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to our country are exceptional. This country has been fortunate to have dedicated individuals who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make this country a safer and better place to live. Lieutenant General James E. Sherrard III is one of these individuals. Today, May 11, 2004, we should pause to honor him on the

occasion of his retirement from the U.S. Air Force on May 31, 2004, after nearly 39 years of service.

Lieutenant General Sherrard was a distinguished graduate of the University of Mississippi's Reserve Officer Training Corps program and entered active duty in July of 1965. After flight school at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia, he became an instructor pilot at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas and Eglin Auxiliary Field 3 in Florida. In September 1977, Lieutenant General Sherrard became the operations squadron for a C-130E squadron at Willow Grove Air Reserve Facility in Pennsylvania. Following this tour, he became the Assistant Deputy Commander, later, Deputy Commander for Operations of the 459th Tactical Airlift Wing at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

Since 1981, Lieutenant General Sherrard has commanded at the Group, Wing, and Air Force level including the 910th Tactical Airlift Group in Youngstown, Ohio, the 440th Tactical Airlift Wing at Billy Mitchell Field, Wisconsin, the 433rd Military Airlift Wing at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, the 4th Air Force at McClellan Air Force Base, California, the 22nd Air Force at Dobbins Reserve Base in Georgia, and currently as the Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander of the Air Force Reserve Command. He has accumulated more than 5,000 hours of flight time and has flown numerous aircraft including the T-41, T-37, T-38, C-130A/B/E/H, AC-130A, C-141B, and C-5A/B.

Throughout his distinguished career Lieutenant General Sherrard has received over 20 major awards and decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Air Force Commendation Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with silver and bronze oak leaf clusters; Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters; Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal with bronze star; and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hourglass. In addition to his dedication to his military career, Lieutenant General Sherrard is a member of the Air Force Association, the Reserve Officer Association, the Order of the Daedalians and the Airlift and Tanker Association.

Lieutenant General Sherrard's tireless passion for service to country and community has contributed immensely to the betterment of our nation's military and to the security of this nation. I am honored and proud to call him a fellow American and friend. I know that speaking for citizens across this country, I am grateful for his service and salute him as he moves on to the next chapter of his life.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MICHAEL Z. ZVOLENSKY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:
Whereas, Michael Zvolensky has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Michael Zvolensky has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and